

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF APRIL 3RD, 1935.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, April 3rd, 1935.

Present:-

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

The following letter from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was read and considered-

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Southern Division

Baltimore, Md.
March 30, 1935.

Honorable Harry W. Nice,
Governor, State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor:-

In the Laws of Maryland, 1918, Chapter 371, is "An Act to authorize and empower the Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad Company to maintain and reconstruct railroad bridges over Colgate and Bear Creeks in the State of Maryland," Section 2 of which reads as follows:

"AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad Company be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to reconstruct the said bridges now maintained by it over Colgate and Bear Creeks, or either of them, upon the site or sites now respectively occupied by the said bridges or upon some other site or sites when the plan or plans adopted by the said Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad Company for the reconstruction of the said bridges, or either of them, shall have been submitted to and shall have received the approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland and of the Federal authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Statute Laws of the State of Maryland and of the United States, respectively, in such cases made and provided."

It is our intention to reconstruct two portions of the bridge over Bear Creek as provided for in Section 2. In order to do this it is desired to take out the pile bents in the creek for a distance of 199 feet 5 inches on Baltimore end of Bridge and 91 feet 6 inches on Sparrows Point end of Bridge, and drive pile foundations upon which will be placed deck plate girder bridges, three on Baltimore end and one on Sparrows Point end. The replacement of pile bents by girder bridges on that portion of Bear Creek Bridge will give more clearance and more areaway with less obstruction to water flow.

We are attaching hereto small prints of Plans Nos. A-243 and A-247, also Plan 13098, sheets XI and X2, showing detail construction of proposed work, which will be submitted to the District Engineer of the United States Engineer's Office in Baltimore.

Section 2 of the Act to authorize and empower the Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad Company to maintain and reconstruct railroad bridges over Colgate and Bear Creeks, requires us to submit to and have the approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland, and we request this approval before the papers are presented to the District Engineer for attention of the War Department of the United States Government.

Will you kindly arrange to have the reconstruction plans of this bridge approved as promptly as convenient.

Very truly yours,

/s/ G. M. Smith,

Superintendent.

After due consideration the Board approved the plan submitted and the construction work involved on the bridge as outlined in the letter and the plans.

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The Board considered a bill from A. Raymond Childs, Randalls-town, Maryland, dated April 1st, 1935, for plumbing repair work done at the Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers' Home, Pikesville, Maryland.

The Board approved the payment of the bill.

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The Board directed the Secretary to communicate with the Attorney General, and have that official arrange if possible to have title to the property of the Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers' Home entirely within the State of Maryland clear of any strings which might be attached to it by the Federal Government, so that the State would be in position to make whatever disposition it cares of the property .

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The Board confirmed the action of the Governor in arranging for the employment of two watchmen for the Hall of Records in view of the fact that the State is now taking over the building, and the Land Office is arranging to occupy its quarters in the building.

The Treasurer advised the Board that he was taking care of insurance on the building.

The Secretary made known to the Board a request of Mr. Laurence Hall Fowler, Architect, that some one representing the Board meet with the Architect and the representative of the Consolidated Engineering Company on Thursday, April 4th, 1935 for the purpose of inspecting the building, because of the fact that the Land Office would be moved in the building very shortly, and the Architect and the contractors wanting some one representing the Board to go through the building with them prior to occupancy by the State, with the understanding that this inspection would not be an acceptance of the building by the State as there were still some odds and ends of work to be completed under the contract.

The Board directed the Secretary to Meet Mr. Fowler and a representative of the Consolidated Engineering Company, and also a representative of the Public Works Administration, on Thursday, April 4th, at 1:30 P.M. to go through the building with these gentlemen.

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The Secretary made known to the Board a request of Mr. Abel Wolman of the Maryland Planning Commission, for funds to take care of the payment of cost of providing letterheads, envelopes and stamps for use of the Commission, there being no appropriation in the Budget for the current year to take care of this expense.

The Board authorized the Secretary to advise Mr. Wolman to have the letterheads and envelopes printed through the Central Purchasing Bureau, and to have the bill for the work rendered the Board of Public Works for payment out of the Contingent Fund.

The Board also authorized reimbursement to Mr. Wolman for money expended by him for postage for use of the Commission.

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Mr. Miles submitted to the Board a bill received by him from M. Courtney Jenkins, in the amount of \$25.00, for engrossing Senate Bill no.333.

The Board authorized the payment of this bill out of the Contingent Fund.

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The Board considered a request from Montrose School for Girls, submitted through Mr. Isaac S. Field, a member of the Board of that School, that they be allowed to purchase a motion picture machine for the use of the School out of an unexpended balance in the appropriation for the erection of a Cottage Building at the School.

The Board approved the request of the School that it be allowed to purchase the motion picture machine equipment and to pay for it out of the balance mentioned.

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The Board considered the explanation submitted by the State Roads Commission in connection with the deed which the Commission submitted to the Board for signature, conveying a certain piece of land not needed for State roads purposes to Henry Rasmussen-Taxdal and Ruth E. Rasmussen-Taxdal, his wife. The State Roads Commission submitted certified copies of extracts from the minutes of the Commission of meetings of January 8th, 1935 and January 30th, 1935, bearing on the subject.

The Board accepted the explanation as satisfactory and confirmed the execution of the deed by the members of the Board of Public Works.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from John Lancaster, St. Mary's City, Maryland, relative to compensation he claims is due him in connection with looking after the State House at St. Mary's City, and other property there belonging to the State in connection with the Tercentenary Commission celebration last year.

The Board directed the Secretary to refer this matter to Senator J. Allan Coad for his consideration and advice.

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The Board considered request of Morrow Bros., Inc., contractors for the alterations and additions to the State Tobacco Warehouse Building at N.W. Cor. of Conway and Light Streets, Baltimore, for reimbursement for extra work done in connection with contract for said work.

One bill covers the furnishing and erecting of additional Fire Doors, Steel Bucks, etc., on stairways, in the amount of \$634.00, and the other bill covers removing bolts and driving rivets in structural steel work after the same has been bolted up, in the amount of \$845.20, both bills being approved by Mr. Charles H. Osborne, Consulting Engineer and Architect for the work.

The Board authorized the payment of these bills out of the State Tobacco Warehouse Construction Fund.

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The following letter from Crownsville State Hospital was read and considered -

CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

March 27th, 1935.

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with resolution adopted at the Meeting of the Board of Managers on March 20th, 1935, the Board of Public Works is requested to allow the Board to use the unexpended balance of \$5,063.90 in the Federal Grant for water supply system to increase our well capacity, according to recommendations of State Department of Health.

A new well of guaranteed capacity of 200 gallons per minute, deep well electric pump for this well, the necessary piping to connect to the existing 6 inch cast-iron force main and placing gravel around the strainer of the present well to prevent sand being pumped therefrom.

The foregoing items have been estimated to cost the above balance. Should the cost of above work be below the estimate of State Department of Health the Board would ask authority to use any remaining amount as follows, according to their recommendations:

The filtration plant being required to perform more work than originally planned, due to increase in population, certain changes comprising rearrangement of piping and installation of new valves in the filter house and clear well reservoir would overcome many existing operating difficulties. This arrangement would cost approximately \$700.00 and if sufficient amount is available this work is also recommended.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF MANAGERS
Crownsville State Hospital

By:/s/ Robert P. Winterode,
Superintendent.

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The request of Crownsville State Hospital was approved.

Bonds

The Board approved the advertising in the Wall Street Journal, American Bankers Magazine, the Daily Bond Buyer and the Daily Record, one insertion in each paper, for proposals for the purchase of \$5,500,000.00 bonds to be issued by the State April 15th, 1935.

The Board stated it felt justified in continuing advertisements in these financial publications of proposals in connection with the sale of State Bonds.

The following letter from Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, was read and considered -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

March 21, 1935.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis,
Maryland.

Gentlemen:

In checking up our records for land purchases, I find that we do not have the approval of the Board of Public Works in the case of four parcels of land, two of which were purchased at tax sale, and two

small lots necessary to enable us to build a road up to the Washington Monument. These tracts are described as follows:

1. Purchase at tax sale, July 23, 1932, the mineral rights under the Herrington Manor division of the Swallow Falls Forest and comprising 640 acres, at a cost of \$273.98. This purchase was made to give us fee simple title on this land which was given to the State in 1917 by Henry and Julian LeRoy White, reserving at the time mineral rights which for two years' delinquent taxes was offered for sale.

2. Tract No. 22, consisting of Approximately 2-7/10 acres, owned by James Smith, of Boonsboro, for \$100. This tract joins the Washington Monument property on the east and south.

3. Tract No. 23, owned by Charles L. Smith, of Boonsboro, consisting of a triangular piece of ground, containing approximately 1/3 acres, for \$10., bordering the Monument lot and joining with the tract described above.

4. The Bishopp and Wotring land - a very desirable tract not bordering the Savage River State Forest but within a short distance of it, and within the purchase area, containing 312 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, for \$101.45.

Each tract was approved for purchase by the Board of Regents, University of Maryland, and title approved by the Attorney General, but through inadvertance they were not referred to the Board of Public Works, which I very much regret. I am taking precautions that this may be prevented in the future.

In the case of the coal rights on the Herrington Manor and 312 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres from Wm. Bishopp and P. R. Wotring, these were purchased at tax sale. In the case of these tax sales it is not generally possible to secure approval in advance because of the shortness of time and particularly the uncertainty as to whether the land advertised will actually be offered for sale; furthermore, if the sale is made, there is uncertainty as to whether or not it will be redeemed before a deed can be given. Our experience has been that more than half of the tracts offered are paid for before the date of sale, and of those actually sold, nearly all of them are redeemed within the six months' period allowed in Garrett County.

We only purchase tracts at tax sale that are suitable for forestry purposes and adjacent to our existing forest lands, and they are usually purchased at a very low price, often only 25¢ per acre.

In the case of the small tract of 2-7/10 acres from James Smith, of Boonsboro, and 1/3 acre from Charles L. Smith, of Boonsboro, these purchases were necessary for the building of a road from the County highway to the Washington Monument near Boonsboro, in Washington County, which with ten acres of land was given to the State by the Washington County Historical Society and others interested. The Monument is now being rebuilt by Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees, and the property is being put in excellent condition:

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,

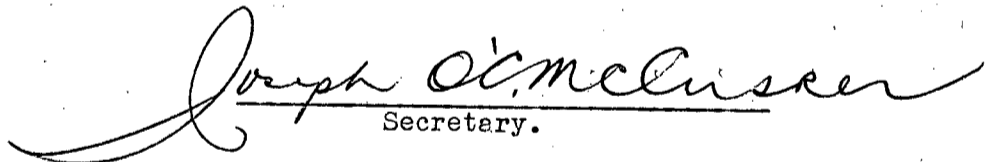
State Forester.

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The Board approved the purchases as outlined by the State Forester's letter.

Mr. Miles stated he was not ready to make any report to the Board at this time in connection with his investigation of conditions at the Maryland State School for the Deaf, Frederick, Maryland, relative to fire prevention measures.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.